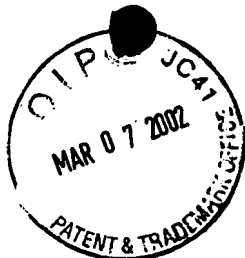


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
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Sir:

This paper has been filed in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, setting forth an election of species requirement in the above-identified case.

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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